



Big Bone Lick State Historic Site

September 2-5, 2016

Welcome to Big Bone Lick State Historic Site! The park's Program Services staff provides safe and enjoyable outdoor experiences for all park visitors. Our goal is to enhance the visitor experience by sharing the park's unique prehistory, interpreting its natural resources, and providing a variety of purely recreational offerings.

All activities are FREE unless otherwise noted (\$).

Children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult at all activities.

A minimum of 3 participants are required per program.

Staff Listing:

Parks Program Services Supervisor: Ossana Wolff

Interpretive Staff: Claire Kolkmeyer

The Recreation Shelter is located in the Campground. All Programs open to the public unless noted.

ALL TIMES ARE Eastern Standard (EST)

Friday, September 2

2:30 P.M. **The Nature of Big Bone Lick - Tree Edition:** Ahhh nature... it is one of the best things about Big Bone. There are many sides to the nature of the Park including our trees. On this mile long walk we will cover the basics of tree ID and learn about 10 common trees of Big Bone Lick.

Location: Meet at the Museum/Visitor Center **Length:** 1 mile, easy hike

Approx Time: 1 Hour **Ages:** All Ages

5:00 P.M. **Build-the-Herd:** Now you can become an American bison, AKA the National Land Mammal! At this fun craft you can create a custom bison headband to take with you. We will also talk about the many uses of bison by Native Americans, early settlers and pioneers.

Location: Recreation Shelter

Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages

Saturday, September 3

- 10:30 A.M. Reel or Not?:** Meet interpretive staff at the lake with your fishing poles for an experiment. We will provide bait and some cane fishing poles, you do the experimenting! We may finally be able to answer the question: reel or not?
Location: The Lake
Approx Time: 1.5 hours **Ages:** All Ages
***Note:** All participants 16 and over must have a valid KY fishing license.
- 11:00 A.M. Bison Social:** Join the Park staff, for a meet and greet of our Bison herd. This is a great chance to learn about the natural history of the bison and why we have a herd here. There will be lots of things to discover and even touch. Meet staff at the Bison Viewing Area anytime between 11 and 1 P.M.
Location: Following the Bison observation trail to the Bison Viewing Area
Approx Time: 2 Hours **Ages:** All Ages
- 1:00 P.M. The Nature of Big Bone Lick: Creek Explorer:** What is the best thing to do on a hot summer day? Get wet of course! Join Interpretive Staff for a wet and muddy exploration of Big Bone Creek. On this trip we will be exploring all the different habitats in and around the creek. Come prepared to get wet and wear your old shoes.
Location: Meet at the Visitor Center/Museum, short walk to the creek (0.2 miles)
Approx Time: 1 Hour **Ages:** All Ages
- 3:00 P.M. T-shirt Tie-Dye (\$):** Join Park Staff for an afternoon of tie-dye and fun! We will give you your very own Kentucky State Parks t-shirt and you can let your imagination run wild. Supplies limited. Program begins promptly at 3:00 P.M. Please purchase your shirts ahead of time between 2:30 P.M. and 3:00 P.M. at the Recreation Shelter.
Location: Recreation Shelter
Approx Time: 1 Hour **Ages:** All Ages
Fee: \$8.00 per participant (KY State Park shirt included)
- 5:00 P.M. Fire Starting, the Pioneer way:** Would you be able to start a fire without matches or a lighter? Come discover how to start fire using flint and steel like the pioneers did. Everyone will have a chance to try their hand at starting a fire.
Location: Recreation Shelter
Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages

Sunday, September 4

- 11:00 A.M. Make-and-Take Paper Plate Fish:** Fish come in all shapes, sizes and colors. This fun craft lets your imagination go wild as you design and create your very own fish!
Location: Recreation Shelter
Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages

- 1:00 P.M.** **Make-and-Take Arrowhead Necklaces (\$):** Humans have come to Big Bone Lick for over 10,000 years to hunt and make salt. Until Europeans came to the area Native Americans used stone tools to hunt and process meat. Join us for more information and a fun craft too! Each participant will make an arrowhead necklace to wear proudly and take home.
Location: Recreation Shelter
Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages **Fee:** \$2.00 per necklace
- 3:00 P.M.** **Big Bone Bingo:** Come play a few rounds of bingo with the Interpretive staff at the Recreation Shelter. Prizes awarded to the winners!
Location: Recreation Shelter
Approx Time: 1 Hour **Ages:** All Ages

Monday, September 5

- 10:30 A.M.** **Make-and-Take FlutterFlies:** Whether it is a butterfly, dragonfly or a damselfly it definitely flutters and brings a smile to our faces. This fun craft uses simple supplies to make a clothes pin butterfly and dragon- (or damsel-) fly for you to take home and enjoy.
Location: Recreation Shelter
Approx Time: 45 minutes **Ages:** All Ages
- 1:00 P.M.** **Atlatl, Prehistoric Weapon of Choice:** Prehistoric people came up with a rather ingenious device in order to hunt for large animals and for protection. The device, called an atlatl allowed a person to throw a long dart up to several hundred yards. Join the Park Interpreter to learn more about the atlatl and see how well you can throw an atlatl dart. **All children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.*
Location: Meet at the Visitor Center/Museum
Approx Time: 45 Minutes **Ages:** All Ages



Hike along the Big Bone Creek Interpretive **Trail** to enjoy nature or take a walk.

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Pool Hours

Campground Guests Only

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Gift Shop

Check out our gift shop to buy T-shirts, pottery, toys, specialty candies, and KY Handcrafted products.

Upcoming Special Programs

September 9, 2016

Tour the Stars

Have you ever wondered what the galaxies actually look like from earth? What about the distant stars you can't see with the naked eye?

Join Big Bone Lick staff with Dr. Bresser & Dr. Vogler from Northern Kentucky University for a tour of the stars.

8:30 P.M. to about 10 P.M.

Meet us at the Campground Store